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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sirs:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 25, 2001 with respect to the
patent application identified above.

The Examiner has required restriction of the application to one of the groups of claims
under 35 U.S.C. § 121. The Applicants, by their attorney, now elect the claims of group XII,
claims 29-31 and new claims 32-34, per a telephone conference with Examiner Roark who
indicated that new claims 32-34 were to be included in Group XII. Accordingly, but without
prejudice to the patentability of the subject matter therein, please cancel claims 1-28. Because
all inventors participated jointly in claims 29-31 and new claims 32-34, no amendment of
inventorship is believed necessary. Favorable action is now solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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